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An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Maintenance Enforcement Act

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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1994-95, the *Maintenance Enforcement Act,* is amended by adding immediately after Section 60A the following Sections:

60B (1) The Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Minister of Natural Resources shall, no later than December 31, 2008, implement a system under which

(a) issuance of a licence or permit pursuant to the *Wildlife Act* may be refused to a payor who is in default under a maintenance order; and

(b) a licence or permit issued pursuant to the *Wildlife Act* to a payor who is in default under a maintenance order may be cancelled.

(2) The Governor in Council may make regulations implementing the system referred to in subsection (1).

(3) The exercise by the Governor in Council of the authority contained in subsection (2) is regulations within the meaning of the *Regulations Act*.

60C (1) The Minister of Finance shall enter negotiations with the Atlantic Lottery Corporation to implement a system under which

(a) screening of lottery winners who have won prizes of greater than one thousand dollars will take place to determine if those winners are payors in default of maintenance orders;

(b) a prize, referred to in clause (a) that is won by a payor who is in default under a maintenance order, is to be held by the Atlantic Lottery Corporation until it is dealt with in accordance with the regulations; and

(c) the Atlantic Lottery Corporation may be treated as an income source for the purpose of this Act.

(2) The Minister of Finance shall, no later than December 31, 2007, report to the Assembly on the outcome of the negotiations referred to in subsection (1).

2 Subsection 61(1) of Chapter 6, as amended by Chapter 40 of the Acts of 2004, is further amended by adding immediately after clause (ia) the following clause:

(ib) respecting the manner in which prizes won from the Atlantic Lottery Corporation by payors who are in default under maintenance orders are to be held by the Atlantic Lottery Corporation and are to be dealt with by the Director for the purpose of any system to be implemented pursuant to Section 60C;

3 This Act comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.